

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Yoshihiro URADE et al. : Mail Stop: ACCOUNTING DIVISION

**REFUND BRANCH** 

Serial No. 10/520,781

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Confirmation No. 2424

DRUGS FOR IMPROVING THE PROGNOSIS OF BRAIN INJURY AND A METHOD OF SCREENING THE SAME :

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## **REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request clarification of the \$1000.00 refund credited to Deposit Account No. 23-0975 on June 13, 2005. It appears as though it was connected to the cancellation of independent claims on May 31, 2005, however such amendment should not effect the calculation of the filing fee for the application filed on January 11, 2005.

Applicants' attorney paid for 5 claims over the allowed 3 independent claim limit. There is no reason for the refund. The actual refund in question totaled \$1100.00, but we are aware that a \$100.00 refund is due because of the Search Fee reduction rule. Therefore, we are left with a \$1000.00 refund and request that the PTO provide some clarification.

Kindly provide explanation of the \$1000.00 refund to Deposit Account No. 23-0975. If

there are any questions, please contact Kara Reade, Accounting Assistant, at (202) 721-8226.

Respectfully submitted,

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